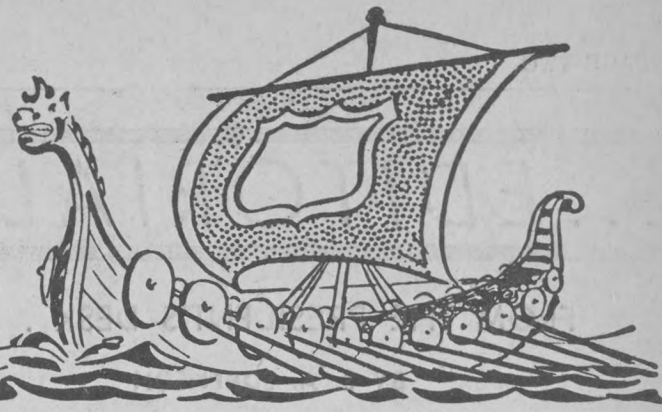




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JAN. 30th BIG NIGHT

Mrs. Inga McWhirter . . . Distinguished Pioneer! Skarins Entertain 60 Friends

Recently I had the honour of a visit from Mrs. Inga McWhirter of Camrose. I had known her when I attended the Camrose Normal School in 1931-32; I have danced to the music of the McWhirter Orchestra in the Orange Hall in Camrose.

Now I sat and listened to her life history . . . how she had discovered her musical talent at the age of 47 . . . how she had lost two fingers on her left hand in a power mower accident and would no longer play the violin.

When she was thus disabled, she turned her talents to composing lyrics, and the music for them. She proudly displayed her latest hit — "Alberta Trails".

Would Albertans buy the record, and especially Scandinavians?

Although she is a third-generation Norwegian herself, she speaks Norwegian well. Could I assist her in the sale of her latest hit? Could the Scandinavian Centre help? These were the questions she posed to me. When I suggested there might be a possibility, her eyes lit with pleasure and gratitude. She admitted she would like to retrieve some of the money she has spent to have R.C.A. Victor Company record her productions; but she said, "My greatest desire is to be remembered." She is now 80 years of age and going strong.

When we parted, I felt I could not get home quickly enough to try her record, "Alberta Trails". As soon as I played it, my wife exclaimed, "I've heard that one many times in the past weeks over CFCW, Camrose." We both thoroughly enjoy the record, and I believe that every loyal Albertan should have this fine production in his or her library. Have you got yours yet? If not, mail \$1.50 to S. A. Sorenson, 600 McLeod Building, Edmonton. You will receive your record by return mail.

By her contribution, Mrs. Inga McWhirter is helping to develop an Alberta culture. I would think that the tourist industry would be very interested in "Alberta Trails" — be sure to read this lyric elsewhere in this paper.



MRS F. W. McWHIRTER

A well-known Edmonton couple, anniversary when they entertained approximately 60 friends in the Danish salon at the Scandinavian Centre.

The guests enjoyed a smorgasbord supper of turkey and Swedish meatballs with all the trimmings, wedding cake and coffee.

Mr. and Mrs. Skarin were presented with a tape recording which contained congratulatory messages and greetings and music to complement the occasion.

Out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Laurence Anderson and Mr. and Mrs. Rudolf Gylander of Entwistle and Mr. and Mrs. Philip Anderson of Wetaskiwin.

"ALBERTA TRAIL"

All you people going on your holidays,
Vacations that you'll ne'er forget,
I will tell you folks, just listen,
You will know what you've been missin'
When you travel on the highways
In this glorious Province,
Alberta is the only place
In where you'll find
A place to rest when e'er you mind.
You will find along all highways
Lovely campsites under pine trees
Where you always have a wonderful time.

CHORUS

So So come on folks, you never will forget it.
Join the thousands
That are travelling every day,
See the wonders of the Master's magic touch
Everywhere that you may wish to wander.
Riding down Alberta Trail you'll marvel
At God's beautiful creations that you see.
Look up at the sky and thank the Lord on high,
How beautiful heaven must be.

Happily riding down that old Alberta Trail
To watch the evening sun go down.
It's a little glimpse of heaven
And you thank the Lord you're livin'
In a land so full of promise and natural splendor.
Travelling in the Province of Alberta
Where the snow-capped mountains kiss the sky,
Where the antelope and elk and deer
Will watch and watch in constant fear
Of dangers that are lurking by.

How I wish that you could see the fields of grain
When ripening in this dear sweet land,
See the mountains, canyons, lakes, and trees
And feel Alberta's gentle breeze
Ablowing through your hair when riding on your pony.
Watch the cowboys rounding up the cattle
And to hear a lonesome coyote call,
And to see a harvest moon above
Shine brightly on all things you love,
You'll never wish for anything more.

Scandapades '65

Northern Alberta Jubilee Auditorium

January 30th, 1965

Rehearsals are under way for Scandapades '65 under the direction of K. L. Svidal. Assisting in production is the Cultural Committee of the Scandinavian Centre, Mrs. M. McDonald, Mrs. M. Eliasson, Mrs. A. Sahuri, Mrs. S. Vesanien, Mr. P. Sorensen, Mrs. K. Fransen, Mrs. C. Smith and Mr. C. Elgstrand. The Show Orchestra is under the direction of Mr. Victor Lillo, Mrs. L. Taylor, and Mrs. L. Pals.

The Show will feature a delightful opening number composed by Mrs. J. Skuggedal and arranged by Mrs. M. McDonald and Mrs. L. Taylor.

The theme of Scandapades '65 is "Looking Ahead with the Scandinavian Centre". It will feature traditional songs, dances and music from the five Scandinavian countries — Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden. The lighter touch will highlight excerpts from Scandinavian entertainment as we might imagine it "looking ahead" 10, 20, or 50 years.

Dancing to Scandinavian music and to modern twist music will follow Scandapades in the Social Room on the lower floor of the Auditorium. Coffee and special lunch is also being served.

The entire evening is the 11th Annual Scandinavian Night sponsored by the Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association Limited.

In charge of over-all arrangements is Mr. Knud Holm-Pedersen.

Hair Styling Family Art

Have you ever found yourself in a strange town or city looking for a good hairdresser? If you should visit Dawson Creek there is the 'Halverson Harper Method' beauty salon.

Ann Halverson has been in the business for 40 years. She received her training in Milwaukee, Wis. Coming to Canada she worked in Moose Jaw, Sask. then in Vancouver for a few years. She later decided to go North to Dawson Creek. She has seen the place grow to a thriving city of 4,000 population and her business has grown with it. Dawson Creek has become a great tourist attraction since it now boasts one of the largest dams in the world.

The hair styling art is all in the family; Ann's two daughters and one son have their own business in this field, one daughter is at Camrose, Alta.

"What is the latest in hair styles? Is there a tendency for women, and girls especially, to copy actresses or the Beatles or some celebrity?" Mrs. Halverson says, "No, there is not much copying; hair styles constantly change; anything goes."

Mrs. Halverson is a member of Sons of Norway at Dawson Creek. She had recently attended a convention for hair stylists in Calgary and had come to Edmonton to shop for Christmas. Here she also attended the lufisk supper.

Co-operative Effort

The Alberta Department of Agriculture, the Municipal District of Westlock and "Ducks Unlimited" have joined forces in a combination flood-control and conservation program in the Westlock Municipal area.

To control flood waters and provide for water conservation as well as nesting areas for ducks, a dam is being constructed at the outlet of Bolloque Lake. This will prevent further aggravation in flood-susceptible areas south along Dapp Creek. The Department of Agriculture Water Resources Branch is responsible for engineering design and construction supervision, Ducks Unlimited is providing the funds, and Westlock Municipal District is furnishing the right of way for the Bolloque Lake project.

At the same time, a diversion structure is being constructed in Dapp Creek, north of Pibroch. While allowing flow of water to continue along its course, in time of flood the structure diverts the surplus into a three-and-a-half mile canal leading to the Pembina River which was started last fall by Westlock M.D. The cost of this project, approximately \$85,000, is being divided equally between the municipal district and the province.

The diversion canal and structure and the Bolloque Lake Dam will be completed this year. Future plans include the clearing of Dapp Creek as far as Halach to increase its capacity, and a new outlet from Dapp Lake.

...EDITORIAL...

FROM THE PRESIDENT'S DESK . . .

BY S. A. SORENSON



ACTIVITY! ACTIVITY! ACTIVITY!

As I write these words (December 15) the Christmas Flight with many happy holiday-seekers is on its way to Copenhagen, Denmark.

On December 12th I attended the Golden Wedding Anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. Emil Skarin at the Scandinavian Centre Dania Room. On the same evening **McLeod's Ltd.** was having their Christmas party in the Nordic Room; while **Dominion Stores** had theirs in the Viking Room. What a bee-hive of activity!

Again on that very cold night, December 14th, I attended Dania's Turkey Bingo. I can assure you there was warmth and excitement in the Dania Room as keen bingo players vied with each other to take home the prizes — Long Island ducks, geese, turkeys and grocery hampers. I must admit that I felt pleased when to my surprise I won the very first bingo, and received a duck. On the same evening **Loblaws Stores** had their big Christmas party . . . again, what activity!

On December 8th I found myself at the Centre again. First I presided over a brief meeting with the presidents of the ethnic groups in the Board Room, followed by the monthly meeting of the Board of Directors. But that was not all — downstairs in the Finnish - Icelandic room were 9 staunch volunteers busy preparing for the mailing of 2,000 copies of the **Scandinavian News**. Yes, I thought what a privilege to be a part of so much activity.

On December 9th I was back at the Centre again. I brought my daughter, Sharon, to take in the rehearsal for the program at the Sons of Norway Christmas party which was held on December 13th.

Yes, it is very apparent that the Centre is really a bee-hive of activity, and in the midst of it all, and enjoying it to the full, is the manager, Tom Nielsen. (He did confess to me that he does get tired at times and finds it difficult to get enough sleep on his around-the-clock job.)

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEET DECEMBER 8, 1964

A very heart-warming meeting was held with S. A. Sorenson in the chair. Here are the highlights:

- Tom Nielsen, manager, was presented with an Honorarium of \$150.00.
- 22 share applications were accepted.
- Post cards for the new Scandinavian Centre will be soon available for distribution. Director in charge — Leif Oddson.
- Annual meeting set for February 16, 1965, with Mrs. Linnea Lodge in charge of arrangements.

ELEVENTH ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT . . . JANUARY 30TH, 1965

We have a very active committee in charge of Annual Scandinavian Night. Mr. Knud Holm-Pedersen is Chairman of the over-all committee, while Mr. Knut L. Svidal is in charge of the production, **Scandapades '65**. The committee is aiming to fill every seat in the Jubilee Auditorium. There are only 2,727 seats available; you are invited to get your tickets early so that you may get in on the draw for the free return trip to Scandinavia next summer.

On behalf of myself and the Board of Directors, we wish you . . .

A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS 1965

ANNUAL MEETING

SCANDINAVIAN CENTRE
14220 - 125 Avenue

Tuesday, February 16th

1965

DANIA

"EN AFTEN I PARIS"

is the theme "DANIA" has set for their New Year's Party to take place at the Scandinavian Centre Viking Room on January 15th, 1965

"DANIA'S" Committee, in Co-operation with the newly elected Cultural Committee, which has worked out the details, has come up with plans for what promises to be a truly exciting and different evening.

The moment you enter the Viking Room, you will easily recognise what an "evening in Paris" is all about. Interior decorations, tables and lighting, musette music, etc. On this evening French-Danish open-faced sandwiches will be available to you and will be served at your table by (ooh la la) "French" waitresses. Everything has been carefully planned in order to capture and to suggest to you the true atmosphere of the "City by the Seine".

As for the dress, this evening should Madame or Mademoiselle choose to wear a short black satin skirt, sweater and milelong cigarette holder, and should Monsieur feel like adding a moustche, beret or "la casquette", this is just wonderful as it will add greatly to the "interior" and Parisian atmosphere. Or we might suggest that this is the evening to wear your most beautiful gown, the one you love the most but never really have a chance to wear; and your most sparkling jewellery and a touch of that "oh so French" perfume, for as you know, an "evening in Paris" does not only mean gaiety and wine, but lovely women and beautiful gowns.

To all of you who were lucky

DOINGS

enough to visit Paris, come and relive some of the moments you spent in that "City of Cities", and you who did not have a chance to go, but often wished you had, be sure and spend this "evening in Paris" with us on January 15th at the Scandinavian Centre, 14220 - 125 Avenue.

Tickets for what should turn out to be a most outstanding and memorable evening are \$1.00 for members and \$1.50 for non members and may be obtained at the door.

"Au Revoir"

"BIKUBEN" held their annual meeting in November and the executives are as follows: President, Vera Nielsen; Vice President, Kay Frandsen; Secretary, Inge Godbersen; Treasurer, Ebba Grundholm; Supplant and Auditor, Connie Petersen.

It was decided to hold our meetings as usual at 10029 - 85 Avenue unless we should decide at our meeting for something special; then it will be held at the Scandinavian Centre.

We had a very delightful Christmas Party on December 7th, at 10029 - 85 Avenue. We had full house and we all enjoyed each other's Christmas baking goodies, recipes were flying. Everybody got a little gift and we sang Christmas songs and hymns, all in all everybody had a good time.

Next meeting will be held at 10029 85 Avenue the third Monday in January, 1965, the 18th at 8:00 p.m. Every Danish speaking lady is most welcome. HAPPY NEW YEAR to all.

Lutefisk Features Klondike Days

The annual Sons of Norway lutfisk supper held on November 21, was again a popular event this season. Approximately 600 people came to enjoy the fall festival. The tables were laden with fish, ham, meat balls, creamed potatoes, salads, lefse, pickles, buns and Norwegian pastries, everything for the appetite. Many out of town folks came for this occasion.

A program convened by Mrs. M. McDonald was held in the auditorium following the supper. Folks had a look in on the 'Red Dog Saloon' of Klondike days. The honky tonk piano, poker tables, bar and even gold nuggets were all there. Crystal Fleuty was the saloon singer, Karen Barber the can-can girl, Irene Hovde 'Diamond Lil'. Ed Ness was acting bartender. Musicians were Dad Taylor and Victor Lillo; Carl Elstrand played the part of a comedian, an old prospector. Peter Hansen, Walter Meyer and Melvin Stensby were poker players. Jimmy MacDonald was the gold King and male soloist. All were dressed in Klondike costumes and the stage was appropriately and colorfully decorated by Knut Svidal.

Two presentations were also made that evening, the 'Lodge of the Year' plaque was given to the president on behalf of the lodge for membership promotion, of which Mr. Sig. Sorenson was chairman. The second was also a plaque given to Sig Sorenson for the distinction of being Fourth District President for four years, the only Canadian to win that award. A dance concluded the evening's entertainment.

Mrs. Sivertsen expresses her appreciation and thanks to all the ladies and gents who served as well as to those who donated food.

DO YOU

Chuckles . . .

Wrong Prayer

One blistering hot day when they had guests for dinner, a mother asked her four-year-old son to say the blessing.

"But, Mother, I don't know what to say," he protested.

"Just say what you've heard me say, dear," she answered.

Obediently he bowed his little head and said, "Oh, Lord, why did I invite these people here on a hot day like this?"

"I wish you'd tell me just what sort of person a wife is," asked a bachelor of an old married friend. "Some men I know say their wife is an angel, while others say theirs is a she-devil."

"Well, I'll tell you," explained the other. "A wife is a woman who will stick by you through all the trouble you would never have got into if you hadn't married her in the first place."

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Kitchen Shower A Success

The recent appeal for items to furnish the kitchen at the Scandinavian Centre in the form of a kitchen shower was met with a good response. To the many folks who made donations, a sincere thank you is extended.

Many of the gifts were given anonymously and for this reason it is not possible to list all the nor to send them a personal thank you. It is therefore hoped that this expression of appreciation will be accepted in good faith by all.

There were many useful and attractive items received also some money. However, a few things are still needed and an appeal is hereby made to those who have not already contributed, to kindly send a small donation to either Mrs. Vera Nielsen, 10029 - 85 Ave., or Mrs. R. Sivertsen, 10514 - 99 Ave. Thank you.

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FINNISH
FOOTNOTES

Members and friends of the Finnish Society wish to extend their best wishes to Mrs. L. Vesalainen and Mr. U. Leino who are celebrating their birthdays in January.

You are once again reminded that the annual meeting of the Finnish Society will be held January 17 at 2:00 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama, 9213 - 97 Street.

The "pikkujoulujuhla" was very much enjoyed again this year by the people present as was the children's Christmas party. On both occasions Santa Claus came with presents for everyone. Many thanks to Messrs. V. Kujala, V. Leino, P. Heinonen and J. Koivuneva who presented the Christmas story in song.

On December 6 a coffee party was held in commemoration of Finland's Independence Day. Pastor Koponen of Vancouver was speaker. Many thanks to Mr. and Mrs. V. Leino who were hosts.

Good luck to Mr. and Mrs. E. Levoir and Ricky in their new home in Vegreville.

IS ZAT SO?

Fair Enough

A wise judge, noted for his modern views, was sentencing the defendant.

"I'm going to give you the maximum punishment," he said. "I'm not going to put you in our nice, comfortable jail. I'm going to let you go free and worry about taxes, politics, strikes, high prices and atom bombs — just like the rest of us."

Mixed Up Status

Kind lady: "Why are you crying, little boy? What's your name and where do you live?"

Little boy: "That's what's the matter. I don't know my name and I don't know where I live. We moved yesterday and my mother was married again today."

Inside Information

During a recent convention of atom scientists at Las Vegas, one of the learned professors spent the entire time at the blackjack table. His apparent weakness was later discussed by two friends.

"I can't understand Cummings," said one. "He gambles as if there were no tomorrow."

Commented the other, "Maybe he knows something we don't."

"Let's Finish The Job"
Share Selling Campaign

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The following canvassers have pledged themselves to finish the job, so that the Scandinavian Centre will be PAID FOR IN FULL. This is an appeal to every shareholder to help the canvassers to FINISH THE JOB. If you wish to buy a share, or if you have a friend who wants to join this fast-growing organization, phone your favorite canvasser today.

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AFTER THE SHOW

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THE ANNUAL SCANDINAVIAN NIGHT Saturday, January 30, 1965

ICELANDIC

Young newlyweds Mr. and Mrs. Dale Valgardson of Gimli visited at the home of Dale's uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Valgardson. In the New Year Dale will be returning to Edmonton to start work with C.N. Telecommunications in the North-west Territories.

Mr. Leif Oddson spent five days in Red Deer in November attending the Social Credit Convention.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Valgardson hosted a Grey Cup Party in their home on November 28th. Those attending to cheer the B.C. Lions on, were: Leif and Lucille Oddson, Don and Mickey Shaw, Don and Margaret Cameron, Jack and Ila Henrickson, Walter and Beulah Arason, Henry and Lillian Sumarlidason, Gunnar and Shirley Thorvaldson, Muriel and Carol Isfeld. After the game a delicious buffet dinner was served and everyone went home with the hope of another wonderful Grey Cup party next year.

Walter and Margaret Reykdal are now operating the barber shop and beauty parlor in the Norwood Hospital. We wish them good luck in their new venture.

DATES TO REMEMBER
Thoroblot — to be held at Molson's Edmonton House, 121 Street and 104 Avenue on February 14. The dinner will again be a Pot Luck Supper and everyone will be contacted later by telephone.

Annual Meeting — Pending confirmation from Labatts' Brewery it is hoped to hold the meeting there in late January. You will be phoned and an immediate answer would be appreciated as we must guarantee 150 people for the evening. Labatts have very graciously offered to show the Grey Cup film and put on a smorgasbord.

The Icelandic Society is very pleased to be able to financially help the two Icelandic Senior Citizens' Homes in Western Canada. The Betel Home in Gimli and the Old Folks Home in Vancouver are to receive donations.

Mrs. Roland Decosse of St. Paul, Alta., visited for two weeks with family and friends in Hecla and Winnipeg.

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS
Best wishes to Mrs. W. Anderson on January 20.

"The habit of viewing things cheerfully, and of thinking about life hopefully, may be made to grow up in us like any other habit."

Miss Pearl Anne Giggie of Ferry Road, N.B., is living with her aunt, Mrs. E. Valgardson, while taking a hair-dressing course.

Mrs. Gus Roland was hospitalized for a day when surgery was required to remove a chicken bone which was lodged in her throat.

CHRISTMAS PARTY BIG SUCCESS

On a lovely Sunday afternoon, December 6th at 2:00 p.m., the Icelandic Society members, families and friends met at quaint Molson's Edmonton House. A capacity crowd attended and the youngsters were radiant with excitement and suspense. The program began with an address of welcome by President Mr.

NOTES

Leif Oddson, after which the following children proudly performed:

Dawn Shaw, piano solo; Katharine and Margaret Smith, vocal duet; Arlene Valgardson, piano solo; Shelly Youngblut, vocal solo; Gary and Cindy Thorvaldson, Margaret and Donald Palmer, vocal quartet; Bonnie Halldorson, piano solo; Lori, Loni, Kathy, Chris and Eric Oddson, song and musical accompaniment; Donna Cameron, Bonnie Halldorson, Louise and Lance Ledger, dancing the Twist.

Christmas Carols were sung until Santa Claus arrived to give each child a gift from under the Christmas tree. After his departure, ice cream, cake and soft drinks were served to the children and the adults had cake and coffee. A group gathered around the piano and some very good singing was done in Icelandic.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chase of Fort McMurray, Alta., spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leif Oddson.

Mr. Egill J. Stephanson, a long-time resident of Los Angeles, Calif., recently paid a visit to Mike and Joe Johnson and other relatives in Edmonton.

Mr. Mike Johnson returned from a visit to Vancouver and Victoria in time to experience the blast of "Terrible Tuesday", reported to be the coldest day on record here.

Mrs. Sadie Lee, who is living on Vancouver Island, sent Season's Greetings to all members of the Icelandic Society.

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Chuckles . . .
Always Hoping
Invariably little Billy would come to table with dirty hands and face and would, of course be sent away to wash.
One day mother lost patience and exclaimed, "Goodness, Billy, why do you always come to the table without washing? You know I always send you away and make you do it."
"Well, you see," explained Billy, "once you forgot."

Another View
Mack: "My wife has ruined me. She took everything I had and left me!"
Zack: "Heck, you call that ruin? My wife has taken everything I got and won't leave me!"

'Idiotic Advice'
"Have you been to any other doctor before you came to see me," asked the grouchy doctor.
"No, sir," replied the meek patient. "I went to a druggist."
"That shows how much sense some people have," growled the doctor, "and what sort of idiotic advice did he give you?"
"He told me to come and see you!"

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Martha Hokanson of Vancouver spent the Christmas holiday with her son, Ernest and family in Edmonton.

Anna Bergquist spent Christmas with her parents, Ed and Ruth Bergquist.

Margaret Eliasson was reported in hospital during December when she underwent surgery. Ed Bergquist and Andy Ogren also were confined to hospital.

Ed Bergquist has received word that his brother, Nils Harold Bergquist passed away on October 10 at the age of 67 years, in Skalleftea, Vasterbotten, Sweden. Mr. Bergquist left his wife, two sisters and three brothers surviving.

Mrs. Helen Ryley of Kamloops, B.C., was a holiday visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Magnus Pearson.

Vasa Lodge Skandia Holds Meeting

The December meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia No. 549 was held in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre.

Betty Pearson reported for the Entertainment Committee that bingo would be played following the meeting and after the January meeting there would be whist and bridge. She asked the members to help with ideas for entertainment by placing suggestions in the suggestion box slot.

Eric Pierre announced that the whole Scandinavian Centre had been booked for the annual smorgasbord to be held on October 16, 1965.

The following slate of officers was elected for the coming year:

Chairman, Glen Eliasson; Vice-Chairman, Raul Nyroos; Secretary, Elsie Comin; Vice-Secretary, Martha Kay; Financial Secretary, Linnea Lodge; Vice-Financial Secretary, Doreen Nyroos; Treasurer, Don Johnson; Chaplain, Jean Petersson; Master of Ceremonies, Nels Sorenson; Vice-Master of Ceremonies, Carl Johnson; Inner Guard, Irving Kurz; Outer Guard, Rinhold Roose; Trustee, Elsie Simmons; Auditors, Martha Kay, Willard Modin and Bud Holmgren, and alternative auditor, John Markstrom.

Alma Samuelson reported that she and Mary Pearson had attended a meeting of the Valhalla Lodge at New Westminster, B.C., when they were on a trip to the coast recently. She noted that the Valhalla Lodge were using the Swedish language in their meetings. Greetings were conveyed from the members to Lodge Skandia.

The business of changing the date of meeting nights will be voted on at January meeting.

An appeal was made for donations of money to the Scandinavian Centre News as it had been reported that it was impossible to keep out of the red. Several members responded. It was reported that further work bees would be held at the centre.

Lunch was served by a committee consisting of Sonja Bergstrom, Margaret Eliasson, Mrs. Vallsen, Mrs. Rautio and Mildred Nelson.

There was a session of bingo and the tickets were drawn on the Ladies' Auxiliary raffle. The winner of the electric coffee pot was Miss Gail Balanecki, 10971 - 65 St. and of the Steam Iron, L. Dahl, 9224 - 66 St.

GLIMPSES

CURLING AND BOWLING

It was reported that there were 6 rinks entered in the Vasa Curling Club and 6 teams in the Bowling League.

CHILDREN'S CLUB

On December 5th the Children's Club combined a practice and Christmas party in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. There games, lunch and gifts for all. The gifts were distributed by four of the smallest kiddies dressed as jultamtar.

LADIES' AUXILIARY

The next meeting will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Enger on Saturday, January 23, at 8 p.m.

BUFORD BY-LINES

November 26th was election day for the members with results as follows:

President—Anthony Lefsrud.

Vice-President—Clair Pearson.

Recording Secretary — Wanda Markstedt.

Assistant Recording Secretary — Tillie Erickson.

Financial Secretary—Eric Kvarnberg.

Assistant Financial Secretary — George Modin.

Treasurer — Arnie Dixon.

Chaplain — Jurdis Nacuk.

Master of Ceremonies—Bob Pearson.

Assistant Master of Ceremonies—Lloyd Pearson.

Inner Guard — Harry Nacuk.

Outer Guard — Ray Pearson.

Cultural Leader — Floyd Modin.

Trustee — Albin Markstedt.

Auditors are: Floyd Modin, Clair Pearson and Tillie Erickson.

The members enjoyed a Christmas Party on Dec. 13th at the Willow Creek Community Centre. The table literally groaned with the load of

SOLGLYT GLIMPSES

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Election of Officers was held in the Nordic Room on Sunday, December 6. The 1965 president of the lodge is Mr. Elsworth Halberg, with Mr. Joe Lineham as Vice-President. Secretary for another term is Ella Searl, with Betty Travis as Assistant Secretary. Mr. Stan Johnson is the Treasurer and Mr. Clifford Johnson another term as Financial Secretary. Mrs. Ragna Sivertsen is Social Director and Mrs. Ruth Logan Assistant Social Director. Mr. Knut Svidal, Junior Director with Clara Lineham, Assistant Junior Director.

Donations

This month's special recognition goes to Mrs. Chris Haistad for her donation of a lovely set of dinner dishes. Thank you, Mrs. Haistad. Thanks to Ruth Logan and Orla Tychsen for the many useful kitchen articles. A lovely picture was donated to the Nordic Room by Ragna Sivertsen.

Personal

Mrs. Ida Paulson has recently moved to 14504 - 108 Ave., Ste. 7A. Her parents are also residing with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Halberg are the proud parents of another boy, Douglas Gordon, a brother for little Kenny.

Deepest sympathy is extended to Gladys Olsen on the recent passing of her husband Bill. They were active members of the lodge for some years.

goodies while everyone ooh-ed and ah-ed at the sight of two huge turkeys done to a turn. Squeals of delight from the children, heralded the arrival of Jolly Old Santa who did a magnificent job of distributing gifts and treats to everyone.

May we take this opportunity to thank Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sol for all their wonderful help.

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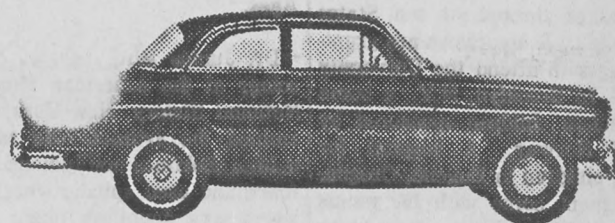
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Film
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A brief but highly entertaining and educational film the 'Viking Heritage' was shown Sunday night, December 6, in the Nordic Room. The color sound film of Norwegians in America originated in Minnesota. Many Sons of Norway members are in the film and 10 professional actors were also engaged for the production. The message of the film is 'Know your Norwegian Heritage — understand it — cherish it'. Only by understanding ones own cultural background, can we understand those of differing backgrounds. The main story is centred around an American of Norwegian descent married to an English girl, their little son and Norwegian born grandfather. The grandfather is trying to teach the lad the Norwegian language and some Norwegian traditions. The boy's father objects to so much stress on what he feels is unimportant, as this is America, a different way of life. Strangely enough it is his own wife and a school teacher of French descent who prove to him how wrong he is. The Junior Folk dancers of Oslo Lodge No. 2, Minneapolis are shown doing an authentic Norwegian dance. On top of Mt. Seymour in British Columbia, children at a ski school are shown skiing and one unplanned scene is that of a six year old skiing downhill on his face. There are also scenes and comments on various projects carried out by Sons of Norway Lodges throughout the States and Canada. Scholarships are granted students to attend the University at Oslo. In Brooklyn, N.Y., a home for homeless children sponsored by Sons of Norway. A hospital for crippled children in Eugene, Oregon. A retirement home with 160 rooms is being built in Seattle, this home is for any race or religion. In Nanaimo, B.C., an old school was taken over and remodeled and now used for retarded children. Young farmers from Norway are shown studying at the agricultural school in Minnesota. Quite a number of projects are already begun at the new centre in Minneapolis, cultural, art, music and a library. Sons of Norway also has insurance for its members. Incidentally, the little boy one day said to his father, "Jeg eren Norsk-Americana gut, forstaa du?" He was learning his Viking Heritage.

An interesting portion of a film on Iceland was shown by Mr. and Mrs. Sumarlidson, with Mrs. Sumarlidson as commentator. Iceland is a neighbor to Norway though off by itself somewhat and the people are of Nordic ancestry. It is another country of natural beauty. One impressive scene was the birth of an island. Natures birth is usually so beautiful in its silent mystery, this was beauty of another kind, suddenly, explosively tons of water shot miles into the air creating great clouds of steam. Then, out of nowhere, out of the void appeared an island. What tremendous forces must be at play below the sea to be able to push against millions of tons of water to create an island. We cannot imagine but we behold the miracles. Time did not permit viewing the complete set of films.

Norsemen Colonized Newfoundland . . .

A tiny stone wheel, lost in the Newfoundland wilds for centuries, ranks as one of the great archeological discoveries in North America. Identified as part of a spinning device, the little round perforated object is the first known Viking household article ever unearthed on this continent. It supports the claim that Norsemen colonized the New World long before Columbus.

The artifact was found by Norwegian archeologist Anne Stine Ingstad at L'Anse au Meadow, Newfoundland, a historic site which has been excavated with the support of the National Geographic Society. **COLONY AT "VINLAND"**

Mrs. Instad said the 1¼-inch-wide piece of carved soapstone served as a flywheel on a wool-spinning spindle. Technically, it is called a spindle whorl. It is the most important single object found at the site.

The find suggests that the New World's adventurous visitors brought women who attended to household tasks while their husbands sought — unsuccessfully — to carve out a permanent settlement in "Vinland" some 500 years before Columbus's voyages.

"I am convinced this is a Norse artifact," Mrs. Ingstad said, "because of the material and the way it is shaped — flat at the bottom and rounded at the top. Many similar whorls have been found in Scandinavia and Greenland, dating from Viking times in the Middle Ages."

Dr. Junius Bird, curator of archeology at the American Museum of National History, New York, has examined the artifact. He said that neither Eskimos nor Indians in Newfoundland used spindle whorls. The wheel was doubtless made from a fragment of a soapstone vessel, indicating the scarcity of materials available to Viking colonists in the New World.

Present-day L'Anse au Meadow is a remote fishing village at the northernmost tip of Newfoundland Island. Here Mrs. Ingstad's husband, Helge, a veteran Norwegian explorer, earlier discovered the first proven ruins of a Norse settlement in the Americas.

Dr. Ingstad uncovered the layered turf foundations of nine long-abandoned structures, dated by radiocarbon as having been occupied in about A.D. 1000. Dr. Ingstad believes the community was perhaps founded by Leif Erickson himself, since the area closely fits a description given in Icelandic sagas of Leif's Vinland.

United States President Johnson recently signed into law a congressional resolution authorizing the proclamation each year of October 9 as Leif Erickson Day. **Ruins Stabilized**

Three years of digging at L'Anse au Meadow completed the major field work, but Mrs. Ingstad and Dr. Bird returned to the site this summer to oversee stabilization of the ruins and repair any winter damage. This phase of the project was backed by the Early Sites Foundation of Hanover, New Hampshire, as well as the National Geographic Society.

Mrs. Ingstad began a small excavation near the foundation of the largest house. Measuring 70 by 55 feet, this house had a large room

suggesting a great hall like those of comparable Viking structures in Greenland.

Under Mrs. Ingstad's direction, Tony Beardsley, a 16-year-old Canadian helper, dug through the turf to what was evidently the ground surface in Viking days. Just below it, he hit a layer black with charcoal. Here he found the spindle whorl on August 4, 1964.

Historians long have accepted that Norsemen reached America. Until the Ingstads made their discovery, however, no one knew precisely where they landed or had come up with incontrovertible proof of occupancy — actual ruins or burials. Several alleged Viking artifacts and structures found on this continent in the past have proved to be unauthentic.

Men Scorning Spinning

"The whorl shows certainly that there must have been women in the settlement," Mrs. Ingstad said. "Norsemen never would have done any spinning — that is woman's work. It's also a strong indication that they brought sheep with them."

Since the whorl was found in the lee of the large house near the probable doorway, Mrs. Ingstad pictures the women sitting in the sun by the doorway spinning.

"It's the side of the house where it would have been good to sit, sheltered from the wind. I've often sat there myself," she said.

Mrs. Ingstad found several rusty nails in the same general area. The Vikings used nails, and these could have been made at the site. Earlier at L'Anse au Meadow, Dr. Ingstad found the remains of a smithy and a stone anvil, some fragments of worked iron, and several hundred pieces of slag. Extensive deposits of natural bog iron, or iron nodules, lie in marshy areas nearby.

The Vikings flourished from the 9th to the 11th century as explorers and colonizers as well as sea-roving warriors. They pushed westward to Iceland and Greenland, where Eric the Red established the first colony about 986. It was from the Greenland settlement that Eric's son Leif Erickson, called Leif the Lucky, and others sailed westward to a new landfall, according to the Icelandic

Guided by the sagas, an old Icelandic map, and careful research during years of exploration, Dr. Ingstad concluded that the Vinland of the Vikings was in Newfoundland. He began a search that narrowed to the L'Anse au Meadow site. Three summers of intensive work followed.

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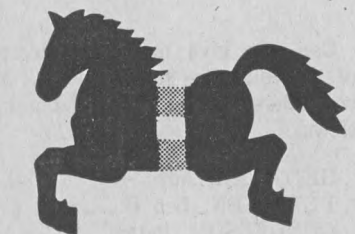
I then continued to the top, banging my head against the beam and getting my finger jammed in the pulley. When the barrel hit the ground it burst its bottom, allowing all the bricks to spill out.

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Young Scandinavians Wish To Come To Canada

During the summer of 1965 a program has been proposed whereby Scandinavian farmers' sons and daughters over the age of 18 could work and live on a farm in Western Canada for 5 months.

The young people have a good agricultural background, but are anxious to learn more about Canadian agriculture and to improve their present knowledge of English.

You have been recommended as a prospective employer, and we are writing you to hear if you are interested in employing a Scandinavian farmers' son or daughter. These young people will be in Canada from approximately May 1 to the end of September, 1965. It is their wish to live with a Canadian family, and they are willing to work hard, and as they are well qualified the young men hope to earn approximately \$150.00 per month, the girls approximately \$120.00 per \$120.00 per month.

At the present time there is a large number of young Scandinavian farmer's sons and daughters wishing to go to Western Canada next summer.

The approval of the Canadian authorities is also required.

We would appreciate very much to hear from you immediately whether you are interested or not. In Edmonton Phone Mrs. Vera Nielsen at 439-0506.

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